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Mr. R. Nagan Gowda :—" May I know whether Government have any proposals in respect of this ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" None, at present."

Bulletins published by the Agricultural and Industries departments.

*265 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the bulletins or journals relating to Agriculture—Industries and Fisheries—published by the Development Department in order to advertise and popularize the products of Government industries, and to enlighten the public about the progress in their research work ?

A.—No bulletin or journal is issued by the Development Department but departments under its control issue publications such as bulletins, leaflets, calendars, etc., embodying the results of their research or other work carried out A list of the various publications issued by the Agricultural, Industries and Fisheries departments is placed in the Council Library.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" May I know why no journal is published by the Industries department to encourage the various industries ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Now that a suggestion is made, it will be considered."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is any progress made, Sir ? "

Buildings

Construction of residential quarters near the settling tanks of Kurnool water-works.

*266 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether proposals have been made by the Collector of Kurnool that residential quarters should be built for district officers on a low-lying site adjoining the settling tanks of the Kurnool water-works ;

(b) whether the Government have passed any orders thereon ; and

(c) if they have not—

(i) whether they would take expert sanitary opinion as to the effect such buildings may have on the town's water-supply ;

(ii) whether they would depute an engineer from outside the district to examine if the Government cannot easily and more economically acquire first rate bungalows in preference to undertaking large building programmes ?

A.—(a) Yes, but the Government have no reason to think that the site is unsuitable as it was selected by the Collector after personal inspection with the Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineer.

(b) Final orders have not yet been passed.

(c) (i) The Board of Revenue has been asked to take steps to have the site approved by the site committee of which the local Health Officer is a member.

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(ii) No. The privately-owned residences now occupied by the Collector, the District Judge and the District Superintendent of Police are reported to be not worth acquiring and the Government see no reason to differ from this opinion of the local officers.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know when the inspection of the Superintending Engineer and the Executive Engineer took place, what is the distance from the site to the settling tanks of the Kurnool water-supply scheme and who was the officer that made the particular report? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I think the executive engineer has made the report. I will let the hon. Member know the date later on."

Allotment of portions in official residences for receiving visitors.

*267 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to furnish a list of the residences of officers in which portions have had to be set aside by the officers concerned for the reception of the official and non-official visitors visiting them on business and in which consequently a portion of the capital cost thereof has had to be written off?

A.—A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (General, Roads and Buildings).

Addition of sanitary and other fittings to official residences.

*268 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to furnish—

(a) a list of the official residences to which sanitary, water-supply and electric installations and fittings, respectively, were added within the last three years together with the cost thereof ; and

(b) the rent to which such buildings were liable before the additions and the rent they became liable to subsequently?

A.—(a) & (b) The particulars have been called for from the Chief Engineer.

Officers who have been granted rent-free accommodation.

*269 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the officers or the classes of officers who have been granted rent-free accommodation or who have been excused wholly or partially the payment of the rent due by them within the last three years together with the reasons for the same?

A.—A statement [a] is laid on the table.

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a Printed as appendix II on pages 547–571 infra.